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**The Week in Washington D.C. – April 15, 2013**

The President sent Congress his \$3.8 trillion [Budget](#) for Fiscal Year 2014 on April 10, which triggered the scheduling of budget hearings in both houses in the upcoming weeks. Below you will find a listing of federal legislative activities that the County and our federal advocates are monitoring during the week of April 15, 2013.

**House Hearings**

**Tuesday, April 16, 2013**

*Department of Labor Budget Hearing to examine the President's Proposed Budget Request FY 2014* | 10:00 AM | Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies

*The Foundation for a New Water Resources Development Act* | 10:00 AM | Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure | Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment. Watch the live webcast [here](#).

*Budget Hearing to examine the President's FY 2014 Revenue and Economic Policy Proposals* | 10:00 AM | Committee on the Budget | Full Committee

*Department of Transportation Budget Hearing to examine the President's Proposed Budget Request FY 2014* | 10:00 AM | Committee on Appropriations: Transportation Housing and Urban Development

*Department of Agriculture Budget Hearing to examine the President's Proposed Budget Request FY 2014* | 10:00 AM | Committee on Appropriations: Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration

*Legislative Hearing* | 10 AM | Veterans Affairs Committee – Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs

[H.R. 569](#) - *Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2013* - Directs the Secretary of VA to increase, as of December 1, 2013, the rates of veterans' disability compensation, additional compensation for dependents, the clothing allowance for certain disabled veterans, and dependency and indemnity compensation for surviving spouses and children.

[H.R. 570](#) - *American Heroes COLA Act* - Requires that, whenever there is an increase in benefit amounts payable under title II of the Social Security Act, the Secretary of VA shall increase by the same percentage the amounts payable as veterans' disability compensation, additional compensation for dependents, the clothing allowance for certain disabled adult children, and dependency and indemnity compensation for surviving spouses and children.

[H.R. 602](#) - *Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act* – Prohibits considering any person who is mentally incapacitated, deemed mentally incompetent, or experiencing an extended loss of consciousness from being considered adjudicated as a mental defective for purposes of the right to receive or transport firearms without the order or finding of a judicial authority of competent jurisdiction that such person is a danger to himself or herself or others.

[H.R. 671](#) - *Ruth Moore Act of 2013* - Directs the Secretary of VA, in any case in which a veteran claims that a covered mental health condition was incurred in or aggravated by military sexual trauma during active duty, to accept as sufficient proof of service-connection a diagnosis by a mental health professional together with satisfactory lay or other evidence of such trauma and an opinion by the mental health professional that such condition is related to such trauma.

*The mission of the government of the County of San Bernardino is to satisfy its customers by providing service that promotes the health, safety, well being, and quality of life of its residents according to the County Charter, general laws, and the will of the people it serves.*

[H.R. 733](#) – *Access to Veterans Benefits Improvement Act* - Directs the Secretary of VA to provide veterans' case-tracking information access to employees of a Member of Congress or of a state or local governmental agency assisting veterans with benefit claims. Directs the Secretary to ensure that such access does not: (1) allow the employee to modify the data in the case-tracking system, and (2) include access to medical records. Requires such employees to complete a certification course on privacy issues before receiving such access.

[H.R. 894](#) – Provides that, when temporary fiduciary is needed to protect the benefits of a VA beneficiary while a determination of incompetency is being made the Secretary of VA may appoint one or more temporary fiduciaries for up to 120 days.

### **Wednesday, April 17, 2013**

Department of Housing and Urban Development Budget Hearing to examine the President's Proposed Budget Request FY 2014 | 10:00 AM | Committee on Appropriations: Housing and Urban Development

### **Thursday, April 18, 2013**

Hearing on the President's and Other Bipartisan Entitlement Reform Proposals | 9:30 AM | Committee on Ways and Means: Social Security - This hearing will focus on using the Chained Consumer Price Index to determine the Social Security cost-of-living adjustment. This proposal was included in the President's Fiscal Year 2014 Budget, the report by the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, and the report of the Bipartisan Policy Center's Debt Reduction Task Force. Click [here](#) for background.

*Legislative Hearing* | 10 AM | Natural Resources Committee

[H.R. 657](#) - *Grazing Improvement Act* - Amends the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (the Act) to double from 10 to 20 years the period of a term for grazing permits and leases for domestic livestock grazing on public lands or lands within national forests in 16 contiguous western states.

*A Financial Review of the Department of Health and Human Services and Its FY 2014 Budget* | 10:00 AM | Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health. Click [here](#) to review the HHS FY 2014 Budget.

Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Hearing | 10:30 AM | Committee on Appropriations: Military

## **Senate Hearings**

### **Monday, April 15, 2013**

*Hearing to examine the President's Proposed Budget Request FY 2014 Veterans' Programs* | 2:30 PM | Veterans' Affairs Committee

### **Tuesday, April 16, 2013**

*Budget Hearing to examine the President's Proposed Budget Request FY 2014 Forest Service* | 10:00 AM | Energy and Natural Resources Committee

*Budget Hearing to examine the President's Full Proposed Budget Request FY 2014* | 3:00 PM | Senate Budget Committee

### **Wednesday, April 17, 2013**

*Budget Hearing to examine the President's Full Proposed Budget Request FY 2014* | 10:00 AM | Senate Committee on Finance